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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, FIRST SESSION, FIRST DAY

1. SAYED MAREI OF EGYPT WAS NOMINATED BY PAKISTAN AS WFC PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, SUBJECT TO FURTHER ACTION BY MINISTERIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, AND ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION. HOPE WAS STATED HE WOULD CONTINUE FOR TWO YEARS. FRANCE NOMINATED ASHTON OF UK AS RAPPORTEUR PRO TEM, WHO ALSO ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT TWO VICE PRESIDENTS WOULD BE NAMED BY LDOS AND ONE BY SOCIALIST DELEGATIONS. SIGNIFICANT LIST OF OBSERVERS WAS ANNOUNCED AND OTHERS WERE PROPOSED FROM THE FLOOR AND ACCEPTED, WHILE IT WAS STATED REQUESTS FOR OBSERVER STATUS WOULD BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FINAL DECISION MADE WEDNESDAY. SEVERAL DELS AND/OR OBSERVERS RESERVED POSITIONS RE ACCEPTING REPUBLIC OF KOREA AS OBSERVER OR ABSENCE OF DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

2. IN REPORT TO COUNCIL, WFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HANNAH REVIEWED (A) PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST SESSION; (B) MEASURES FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION; (C) FUTURE PROGRAM OF WORK FOR WFC AND (D) MODE OF FUTURE OPERATION OF SECRETARIAT. UNDER (B) HE MENTIONED NEED TO ASSURE AVAILABILITY OF 6-7 MILLION TONS OF GRAINS FOR MSAS IN NEXT SIX MONTHS (WHETHER AS FOOD

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AID OR COMMERCIAL EXPORTS IS UNCLEAR); NEED FOR OBTAINING

SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS FOR TOTAL OF TEN MILLION METRIC TONS
PER YEAR FOOD AID ON THREE-YEAR FORWARD PLANNING BASIS;
MEASURES FOR PROVISION OF FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE; AND
STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY TO FAO CONFERENCE.VOLPE

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